Chapter meeting September 4, 2020

12 members attending

TXDST presentation with Rachel Winston

* Research project started 5 years ago as Rachel’s capstone, working with Dr. Berry
* Since that time, looking to better understand what slavery in Texas looked like through primary source documents. How did the enslaved live their lives?
* Traveling to repositories in Texas, taking photos of documents
* Looking to do mapping, social media, web design
* The project is in a transitional stage- look at all the documents that have been collected, turn this into a major research project
* This summer we transcribed and reviewed almost 100 documents!
* This semester, there are some people joining as research assistants, still plenty of opportunities to volunteer
  + Work at your own pace
* There will be standing team meetings every two weeks, optional for volunteers
  + Hear about the progress that is being made
* Deep dive meetings once per month
  + Getting more into the thematic content
  + Featured speakers
* Volunteer roles
  + Transcribing documents
  + Reviewing transcriptions
  + Working with data- analysis and management
  + If you have particular interests or skills, let them know! A new volunteer role can possibly be designed
* Email Rachel to get involved, you can join in as a volunteer at any point, but earlier is better

Digital chair

* Fill out form if you want to be in the running by Sunday night

Elections for all officer positions

* Will be in November
* You serve during a calendar year
* Reach out to any current officers if you are interested

Internship event- September 24

* More in depth information about places to apply, application process for archives
* Let us know if you want to talk about your experiences more informally
* Networking, etc.
* There is a Google form to sign up

Career panel- October 17

* Focus on archives
* Hopefully get speakers from across the country

Potluck- October 24

* Usually at Dr. Ciaran Trace’s house (our faculty sponsor)
* Probably won’t be happening in person
* There will be some kind of virtual event

Informational/alumni interviews

* If you do an informational interview (and the interviewee is ok with it) we can share it on our social media